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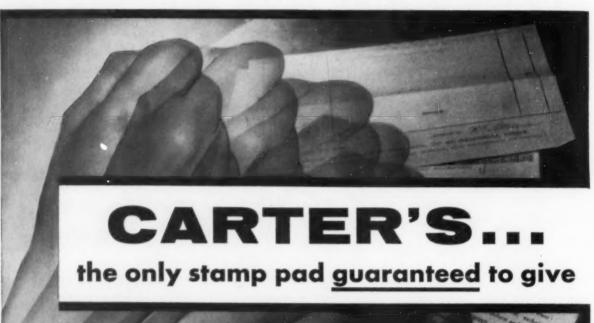


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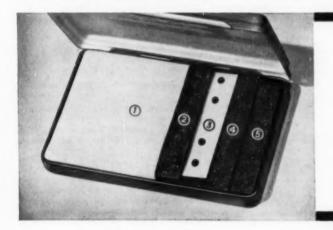
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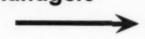
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Shippers Check Practices

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Receivers are studying and improving unloading and handling practices. They are also looking more closely into the loading methods used

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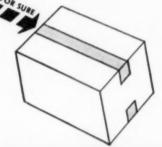
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Two-Strip Sealing Now A Reality

AMENDMENT TO RULE 41 PERMITS CENTER SEALING ON CONTAINERS

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 15th!

As this issue went to press word has been received that the new Supplement of the railroads' Official Classification Committee will be published in a few days announcing a May 15th, 1955 effective date for the use of two-way reinforced gummed tape with two-strip center sealing on containers shipped by rail. Packages correctly sealed according to the method described in the new Amendment to Rule 41 (see article herein), may be sent by rail from that date onward.

TWO-STRIP SEALING OF containers sent by rail will soon become a reality when the Official Classification Committee's next supplement announces an effective date. The Amendment to Rule 41, most important in the gummed industries in years, was recommended by the manufacturers, and calls for a two-way reinforced tape about 35% stronger than 60 pound standard sealing tape.

The new amendment to Rule 41 now makes possible power machine application of gummed tape. Although production of gummed tape is at very high levels, gummed industries manufacturers have previously been handicapped in competing for the high speed production sealing market. This barrier has now been removed. Already some 18 out of 23 companies are in production with reinforced sealing tape, and conservative estimates indicate that 10 to 15% of the sealing tape market will be in the newly approved classification by the end of the year.

Industry spokesmen do not expect reinforced gummed tape to replace 60 pound standard sealing tape at once, but rather to supplement it in many areas. One manufacurer has predicted however, that within five years reinforced tape will replace 50 to 60% of 60 pound standard tape now used. Dispenser manufacturers are prepared for the rush of new business with heavier bladed machines.

Already Accepted By Post Office

The United States Post Office has already accepted the two-strip center seam sealing method which is pending from the railroads' Official Classification Committee.

Reinforced bi-directional gummed tape is made of "two sheets of 100% sulphate kraft each not less than 30 lbs. basis weight, reinforced with glass, sisal or rayon fibre, combined with a laminant of asphalt or other material not affected by temperature extremes any more than would standard 180° to 200° softening point asphalt."

Requires Only One-Third The Tape

Although center-seam sealing requires only onethird the tape that six-strip sealing demands it will not mean that much of a saving to the shipping department manager, as the reinforced tape, 35% stronger, is considerably higher in price. However predictions have been made that the twostrip method will save 30 to 50% of the costs involved in using the six-strip method.

The history of the monuumental change began about a year ago when Container Laboratories came up with the results of tests on one of the

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most widely used reinforced tapes. The tests proved conclusively that a standard tape could be produced which would meet all the necessary requirements.

Mfrs. Helped Develop Spec

Last spring the Gummed Industries Association held meetings to develop an industry specification on two-way reinforced tape. Agreement on a spec was reached in the summer, and on July 20th the GIA went before the Official Classification Committee and presented a spec for bi-directional tape. Approval came through on March 3rd after a considerable period of deliberation. Actual date of effectiveness when two-strip packages can be sent by rail awaits publication of an O.C.C. supplement.

Specific Performance Test Rare

The new amendment to Rule 41 is one of the few instances in which a freight classification committee has established a specific performance test as well as a product description, according to the Gummed Industries Association.

For the sake of traffic and shipping managers who want the exact wording of the new change a copy of a letter sent out by the Official Classification Committee in March is reprinted on these pages.

Banks Introduce Plan To Cut Use of Checks For Freight Bills

Bankers from 16 transportation centers in the U.S. met in Atlanta February 6-7-8 to discuss one of banking's newest services to business—the Freight Payment Plan.

The Citizens & Southern National Bank, first bank to put such a plan in operation, served as hosts.

The plan operated by the C&S eliminates the use of checks to pay freight bills. Instead, the bills are stamped with a special stamp and are "deposited" by carriers for collection. The bank then transfers funds from the shipper's freight account to the carrier's account.

The meeting was organized because of the great interest shown by business firms, carriers and banks in the Freight Payment idea, according to Donald Roe, C&S's Freight Payment Department manager.

Already other banks have established Freight Payment Plans in Buffalo and Cincinnati. Several more are getting underway while banks is other key transportation centers are strongly interested, Mr. Roe said.

The C&S Plan, inaugurated on June 14 last year with 22 carriers and 86 participating firms, now has 48 carriers and 412 business concerns as members.

LETTER FROM OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION COMM. GIVES WORDING OF APPROVAL

"This is to advise that, after consideration by the three Classification Committees, Subject 97 of Docket 162 and Subject 225 of Docket 163 were NOT RECOMMENDED. However, Subject 219 of Docket 163 was recommended as modified as follows:

"Amend Rule 41, Section 7, Sup. 16, UFC 2 and Sup. 41, CFC 20, to include a new paragraph as follows:

"SEALING SLOTTED BOXES AND DOUBLE-WALL BOXES COMPLYING WITH SECTIONS 2 AND 3

"Section 7. — Boxes must have both inner and outer flaps drawn together as closely as possible to insure tight pack; lengthwise flaps must meet or overlap; no flaps must project over edges; and box must be sealed by one of the following methods: "1 to 5. — Not involved.

"6. — When tape conforming to the following specifications is used, center seam only need be sealed. Tape must be not less than 3 inches wide and must extend over the ends not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

"Tape must be made of two sheets of 100% sulphate kraft each not less than 30 lbs. basis weight, reinforced with glass, sisal or rayon fibre, combined with a laminant of asphalt or other material not affected by temperature extremes any more than would standard 180° to 200° softening point asphalt.

"Tape must be reinforced by lengthwise fibres spaced not more than an average of ½ inch apart, and by crosswise fibres spaced not less than an average of 2 per inch except that when a diamond pattern is employed for crosswise reinforcement the spacing between the parallel sides of the diamond measured in the machine direction must be not more than 1 inch.

"Glass or sisal reinforced tape must have a minimum tensile strength in the machine direction of 75 lbs. per inch of width and a minimum tensile strength in the cross direction of 45 lbs. per inch of width; rayon reinforced tape must have a minimum tensile strength in the machine direction of 57 lbs. per inch of width and a minimum tensile strength in the cross direction of 27 lbs. per inch of width with elongation not exceeding 15%. Tensile tests on the finished product shall be made on a 3 inch width sample.

"Tape must have a performance test not less than 35% greater than paper sealing tape applied in accordance with paragraph 3 of Section 7, when applied to 275 lb. test box 24 x 12 x 12 inches loaded with filled No. 2 cans to gross weight of 90 lbs. and tested in a standard 7 foot revolving drum.

"This amendment will soon be published in forthcoming supplements to UFC 2 and CFC 20."

It should be remembered by all members of the Industry that Reinforced Sealing Tape should not be used for rail movement until such supplement is published showing the exact effective date thereof. Note in the official communication quoted above that the amendment will be published in forthcoming Supplements to UFC 2 and CFC 20.

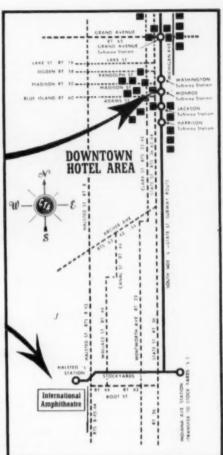


Members of the AMA Packaging Planning Council, who met recently at AMA's Management Center in New York to discuss plans for the Association's National Packaging Conference in April.*

Shipping, Packing Themes Dominate 1955 AMA Show

PACKING AND SHIPPING THEMES will predominate in AMA's 1955 National Packaging Conference and Exposition. Of 15 major discussion areas to be considered between Monday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 20th, at least eight will be of major interest to Shipping Management readers. The growing importance of packing-for-shipping aspects characterizes a continuing trend in the year to year development (Continued on Page 35)

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The chlorinator being packed weighs about 90 pounds. Its bulk in relation to weight is such that the rather light fibre box may be used as shipping container. The box, (note staples on one side) provides ample protection even though the product is a precision instrument.

Shipping
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OVER 100 CUSTOM-PACKED SHIPMENTS A DAY

PICTURE IN YOUR MIND a huge factory in which hundreds of precision instruments and machines are turned out daily. Picture considerations of individual specification in which each product turned out may be entirely different from every other. Consider the shipping job with which such a company is faced, and you have the story of Fischer-Porter Company and their custom-designed packaging operation.

Fischer-Porter has solved their gigantic problem. They are proud of it. They want other firms to hear of it. Upon request SHIPPING MAN-AGEMENT staff men went down and covered the story.

Almost every package at the Fischer-Porter plant is in a sense custom-made. This is a firm dealing in chlorinators, flow transmitters, and indicating, recording and controlling flow meters, as well as other types of specialized instruments. Orders come in and they may require a special deviation from standard for just one product: an extra knob, a handle, an indicator. Boxes, be they fibre or wood, have to be tailored to fit.

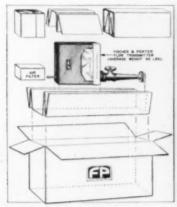
In many firms such individualized packing needs would create a crisis. But at Fischer-Porter, where the crisis is perpetual, this is the order of the day. The equipment has been accumulated. The package engineering brains are in constant operation. Packing and shipping are efficient, fast and economical. Damage claims are negligible.

The way its done is by the setting up of machinery to custom-make fibre boxes, inserts, and wood boxes to fit. The shipping department has a





Fischer - Porter maintains a completely equipped box and shook shop in the shipping department. Left: power saw. Above: Export box for instrument, made in the shop.







Left: Line cut shows one the most successful custom-designed containers used by F-P to deliver precision instruments without overpacking, and with fibre containers. Center and right: Range of the shipping operation is indicated by the small glass parcel being packed in excelsior, and crone handling huge bex to be put on flat bed truck.

complete box and shook shop where every conceivable type of wood box and barrel may be turned out on short notice. There is power machinery for cutting out fibreboard inserts, and making whatever shapes and cut outs are necessary to customize a fibre box for shipping.

There is no assembly-line operation in the generally accepted sense in the manufacturing end of the Fischer-Porter operation. The individually constructed instruments are tested in thoroughgoing fashion before packing. In consequence the shipping department has no direct relationship to production. All products come to it after the testing phase has been completed.

The shipping department, as can be seen, is a big one, and requires the daily services of over twenty employees. It is equipped with every standard device and dispensing machine which will be found in any shipping department in the country. There are scales, stencil machines, marking machines, gummed tape dispensers, label gluers, huge varieties of forms, shredded paper, excelsior, fibre containers, wood containers, postage meter machines, power stitching machines, staplers, twine, power saws and banding machines, and steel strapping equipment.

Below, left: In an operation which requires constant customizing a band saw to cut fibre inserts to size is a necessity. Center: In the last two years the company has switched much of its container shipping to fiber boxes. Right: Note use of labels and gummed sealing tape in both center and right photos. Large group of vari-sized containers is part of typical day's shipment.

Because of the numerous fragile, glass, instruments which have to be shipped and protected there is extensive use of shredded paper, which the company purchases in large quantities.

A shipping problem may consist of a huge instrument which has to be lowered by power hoisting equipment onto a special flat bed truck, or it may be a very small, fragile package, marked glass all around,

The fact that there is a record of very little breakage in Fischer & Porter's shipping operations might indicate extensive over-packing to some. Actually this is not the case.

Aided by a large container manufacturing corporation of whom they are a considerable customer, Container Corporation of America, and by an independent package testing laboratory located nearby, Packaging Service Company of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, their designers and engineers have turned out precisely the right package for the right product: something strong enough to get it there without damage, but economical in cost, easy to handle.

Packing methods are under constant study, (Continued on Page 44)







VERY SELDOM DO WE MENTION THE FUNCTIONS of a receiving department as related to the over-all traffic picture. We do not do this intentionally but only because receiving seems to be a division by itself with no ostensible connection to the operation of a traffic department. In all probability this may be somewhat true in that receiving is the only "forced" division of a traffic department. By "forced" we mean that the influx of material is determined by the needs of a concern and the purchasing department and therefore the receiving department must keep up with those demands.

By so doing there is little that a traffic manager can do to effect an over-all saving to the company besides cutting down on purchase orders written. Because of this his normal attitude is to consider receiving a necessary evil and staff the department with enough personnel to take care of the daily load.

However, what a lot of traffic managers fail to realize is that proper supervision and planning in a receiving division would eliminate many of the problems which hinder the "main traffic office."

Here a distinction must be made between a large and real small concern. In a large concern the receiving department is usually smaller than the other traffic department divisions. In a small concern, particularly retail stores, etc., the receiving department is by and large much bigger than any other division.

One of the greatest problems arising when a large shipper deals with a small concern which has an inadequate receiving department. In this respect the attention given to the receiving function is practically nil and the net result is that receiving records are jumbled and completely inadequate. Because of this many of the dealers constantly complain of short shipments or lost shipments and force the shipper to obtain proof of delivery before they will pay their invoices.

In almost all instances the shipper can prove delivery only

Integrating Receiving With Traffic:

- · Role of Receiving Dept.
- Sometimes Neglected in small companies
- Eases Receiving Procedures.

after considerable effort. This could be eliminated if the receivers were to keep accurate records and could check their own files to determine whether or not material has arrived and in what condition.

Recently we received a phone call from a dealer who complained that our shipping methods were completely wrong and that our entire distribution system was "out of whack" because he could find no records of receiving half of the material which we claimed we had shipped to him. The particular dealer went into a long disserta-

tion as to how we could improve our shipping methods so that he could readily identify his material.

In tracing his shipments we found that all had been delivered in good order and that it was his receiving department that was to blame for the errors. In this particular case it was found that the dealer received material, signed for it and simply threw it into his stock. No records were kept.



Only when he felt that his inventory was short or something was missing from his stock did he complain that the shipment was wrong. That was his way of putting the burden of proof of delivery on us to adjust his records.

Now these are some of the problems that arise when you deal with a small shipper. We feel dealers should do something about keeping records so they will not force a large concern to go through tedious tracing procedures.

Now just how can the receiving department in a large concern be of benefit? First, their receiving records should be complete. When they receive returned goods or material which is normally on purchase orders they should not list only the contents of the packages but, also the number of cartons in a shipment, the total weight, the contents of each carton, the way-bill number, delivering carrier and any other pertinent information which might assist the



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Packaging Institute Picks St. Louis For Conference Site

Packaging Institute announces plans for a oneday packaging conference to be held at the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, on Thursday, May 26. The first meeting of the Institute held last year was also in St. Louis and the members voted overwhelmingly to return to the "Show-Me" State again this year.



E. H. Balkema of the Colgate-Palmolive Company, nationally known packing authority, points to the new organization diagram of more than 20 technical committees of Packing Institute of which he is the chairman.

Leading authorities in the packaging world have been invited to discuss new advances made in packaging. These speakers are expected to stimulate group discussions which were a hit last year.

Walter C. George, of Gaylord Container Corporation, has been appointed chairman.

Bag & Cover Assoc. Will Work With Colleges Giving Packaging Classes

The Industrial Bag and Cover Association has recently adopted a program of cooperating with the various American Universities and Colleges who conduct classes in Package Engineering.

The Association will furnish to those schools engaged in teaching the various aspects of packaging, qualified speakers on the subject of "Flexible Packaging" in the Military and Industrial fields.

This program will be in effect throughout the country with qualified specialists from the Association's member companies giving the actual lectures on "Flexible Packaging".

Members of the Association were unanimous in adopting this program as they feel it will go a long way towards bringing into being qualified packaging personnel who will be in a position to specify the proper packaging for American Industry.

Stanley G. Yount, President of the Association, in commenting on the progress recently stated:

"This far-reaching program will contribute very directly to broadening the concepts of future packaging engineers because the program as such, will strike right at the heart of the entire subject of flexible and specialty packaging operations. "Universities and Colleges will likewise benefit in that they will get Lecturers, competent and qualified individuals direct from Industry who are engaged in solving those problems pertinent to the specialty or flexible packaging field."

Canadian Packing Assoc. Hears Color, Packaging Discussions

The 8th Quebec Regional Conference of the Packaging Association of Canada, which was held March 3 in Montreal, was highlighted by a speech by Lorain Fawcett, who is president of the Allcolor Co., Inc. In her address Miss Fawcett expanded her theme that color influences sales and consumer appeal because the average person remembers color longer than design.

Another feature of the Conference were two panel discussions. The first was "Production Management Looks at Packaging" with Keith Ellson. The second panel session discussed "Sales Management Looks at Packaging."

Work Done By Conveyors Shown In 20-Minute Film

"Movement Is Life" is the title of a new 20-minute 16 mm, motion picture sponsored by the Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association. The scope and variety of jobs done by conveyors throughout the economy are depicted in scenes of actual installations. The script shows how mechanical handling by conveyors increases employment and profits and raises the standard of living.

Primitive methods of handling, used in build-

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AROUND THE TRAFFIC WHIRL:

START PLANNING NOW— to attend the Associated Traffic Clubs Convention in Cleveland, Ohio—September 18-21, 1955, at the Hotel Cleveland. The Traffic Club of Cleveland will be hosts.

MEN PROMINENT in transportation and industry will appear as speakers for the second annual Michigan Traffic and Transportation Conference, at Michigan State College, May 11 and 12.

The dates are announced by the joint sponsors, the M.S.C. School of Business and Public Service, Dr. Herman T. Wyngarden, dean, and the Michigan Industrial Traffic League, Thomas Godbold, Detroit, president.

Topics for this seminar, for all those interested in or engaged in traffic and transportation, will include "Reduction of Transportaton Costs on Small Shipments," "Managerial Discretion under Our National Transportation Policy," and "Operation of the 'Agreed Charges' System of Rate Making in Canada.

The two-day event will be held at Kellogg Center, the conference arrangements coordinated by the M.S.C. Continuing Education Service.

GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES INC., announces a reorganization of its traffic department to achieve more centralized control over its five widely-scattered plants. George Trivan has been appointed to the newly created post of general traffic manager.

THE TOLEDO TRANSPORTA-TION CLUB, Toledo, Ohio has announced the 50th Anniversary of the Club which was founded in April, 1905. A Golden Jubilee Dinner to be held in the Ball Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel on Wednesday, April 20th will be the opening event of the Golden Jubilee Year's celebration, THE WOMEN'S TRAFFIC CLUB OF NEW YORK heard James R. Getty, General Passenger Traffic Manager of Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, at a recent dinner meeting. Mr. Getty spoke on the popic "Railroad Transportation Today." Shortly before, the club ran a charity fiesta to raise funds for the League In Aid of Crippled Children.

LYON VAN LINES, INC., Los Angeles, has chosen Norman Stranne to become manager of operations. Mr. Stranne had been assistant TM for the past four years. In his new position, he will handle all operational, dispatch and terminal procedures.

WORCESTER TRAFFIC Association will hold their seventh annual ladies' night dinner and dance Wednesday night, May 4th, at the Bancroft Hotel, Worcester. Fred D. Wilson is chairman.

SERGE NEPRASH has been appointed to the newly-created position of Coordinator of Traffic of The Armstrong Rubber Company. Robert J. Mitchell has been appointed Traffic Manager of the Armstrong plant at Norwalk, Connecticut.

Mr. Neprash has been Assistant Traffic Manager of The Armstrong Rubber Company for the past 41/2 years. Previously has was employed by the Naugatuck Chemical Division of the United States Rubber Company. A graduate of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Neprash is also a registered Interstate Commerce Commission practitioner. He is First Vice President of the Traffic Association of New Haven County; past President of the Connecticut Alpha Chapter of the Delta Nu Alpha Professional Transportation Fraternity; and an instructor in Freight Traffic Management at New Haven College. He is also co-author of a course in Motor Freight Rates and Regulations. His office will be at West Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. Mitchell, a graduate of New

York University, formerly was with the National Transportation Company as Assistant Traffic Manager and General Claim Agent before coming to The Armstrong Rubber Company. He is on the Educational Committee of the Fairfield County Chapter, Delta Nu Alpha. His office will be at The Armstrong-Norwalk Rubber Corporation, Norwalk, Connecticut.

BENDIX RADIO announces that Jack L. Baker, who joined Bendix 18 years ago as a shipping clerk, is appointed traffic manager. For the last 12 years he was assistant TM.

PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN Express Company announces that Ellwood K. Slusser has joined PIE as assistant director of traffic, He served as transportation officer in the Army for five years.

THE NATIONAL EXPORT TRAF-FIC LEAGUE, INC., heard a speech by Vincent A. G. O'Connor at its luncheon-meeting held March 23 at the Lawyers Club.

ROHM AND HAAS CO., has selected George Wilson to succeed Leon A. Becker as traffic manager, Becker served as TM for 35 years.

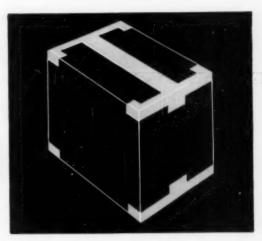
KAISER STEEL CORP., has appointed S. Charles Knight to the position of general traffic manager. Knight joined the company in 1949 as assistant general TM.

THE WEST TOWNS TRAFFIC CLUB, Bellwood, Illinois, will hold its annual spring dinner dance on Saturday, April 16. George Marshall's orchestra will supply the dance music. There will be a door prize.

PAUL R. DUPREE has been appointed Supervisor of Forest Products for the Central Staff Traffic and Transportation Department of Koppers Company, Inc., it was announced by James F. Haley, Manager of the Department.

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CROWN ZELLERBACH CORPORA-TION announces that Edward H. Walthers, a 20-year veteran in paper merchandising and distributing, has been named Sales Manager, Distributor Sales Division. Mr. Walthers has held numerous management positions in the corporation.

Walter C. Robinson of Gar Wood Industries, Inc., New York, announces that William L. Davies has been selected to serve as his assistant. Mr. Davies will make his headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Norman F. Greenway, senior vice president in charge of the folding carton division of Robert Gair Company, Inc., was elected to the company's board of directors at its last meeting. He joined the company in 1984.

Universal Air Travel Plan reports that nearly 57,000 customers were added in 1954 to its "charge it" system of flying. This brings the number of people who use air credit cards to 652,310.

Alien Brothers Corporation, Boston, has been appointed exclusive distributor of the complete Ideal line of stencil machines, tape dispensing machines and marking equipment, it was announced by Ideal Sales Manager Donald T. Auld.

Allen Brothers will service all of New England with the exception of Danbury, Middlesex and New Haven in Connecticut. These counties will continue to be handled by Ideal's New York representative.

Seaboard & Western Airlines has been awarded a contract in excess of \$3,500,000 for the airlift of military freight and military personnel and their dependents between the United States and military installations in Western Europe, Arthur V. Norden, executive vice president of the Company, has announced.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS announces that 878 new locomotive units have been placed in service by Class I railroads in the first eight months of 1954. Of that

number, 866 were Diesel-electric units and the other 12 were gas turbine-electric units.

U. S. Plywood Corporation announce the appointments of Richard S. Lowell and John R. Thompson to director of sales promotion and advertising and advertising manager, respectively. Mr. Lowell came to the company in 1943 as ad manager and during that time the advertising budget has quintupled.

Sidney Hollaender, president of Ever Ready Label Corp. was the guest executive on Conrad Nagel's TV show "Mr. Executive" which was seen Saturday, March 26, on the National Broadcasting System.



Mr. Sidney Hollaender, (right) president of the Ever Ready Label Corporation, is intertional Broadcasting Company TV presentation. "Mr. Executive." The discussion, "Imagine a viewed by Mr. Conrad Nagel on the Naworld without labels" takes place on WRCA-TV, Channel 4, Saturday, Mar. 26th, 12 P.M.

Mr. Nagel and Mr. Hollaender discussed what kind of world it would be if there were no labels. After the discussion, the TV cameras took the audience on a trip through Ever Ready's Belleville, New Jersey plant. Mr. Hollaender also disclosed that he started the business in 1914 with \$250 and today his daily sales volume exceeded the entire year's volume of 1914.

RICHARD S. BARTLETT, JR., who came to Davidson Plywood & Lumber eight years ago, has been appointed president of the Company by E. I. MacPhie, chairman of the board, it is announced. Barlett succeeds Jack Davidson.

RENOIS TYING MACHINES, INC., Melrose Park, Ill., has appointed Louis W. Brohman Chief Engineer according to a recent announcement by company president W. B. Renois. Mr. Brohman formerly was associated with the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

THE OTTAWA RIVER PAPER COM-PANY, through president Philip Le-Boutillier, Jr., has announced plans for a \$900,000 expansion program at its Flint, Michigan plant. The building additions and installation of new equipment is expected to more than double Flint production capacity in corrugated containers and pallet packs.

REPUBLIC STEEL CORPORATION announces the appointment of Van's Equipment Sales, Inc., Routes 9 and 20, Rensselaer, New York, to handle the sale and distribution of Republic Materials Handling Equipment.

HUDS IN PULP & PAPER Corp. has named Harold Hertel to the position of distributors' sales training manager. This move was made in conjunction with the expansion of the sales training division, T. H. Mittendorf, vice-president in charge of sales announced.

Right: H. Hertel





AIR EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL Corp. announce the appointment of George S. Dart as domestic sales manager. Mr. Dart is a member of the National Defense Association.

Two appointments in the general traffic department of the Eastman Kodak Company were announced by Kenneth H. Jamieson, general traffic manager. Stanley R. Thorpe has been named foreign traffic manager and Howard L. Verbridge has been appointed manager for rates.

"LISTEN MR."

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traffic department in the event that there is a discrepancy in the invoice which would be received at a later date.

We had a case recently where such information would have aided us considerably. A dealer returned to us 37 cameras along with other photographic material. This dealer forwarded the material to us in three cartons which were steel strapped. Upon receipt at our company, receivers opened up all three cartons. placed the material on a bench and counted it. The count showed that we had received only 34 of the 37 cameras. We wrote to the shipper of this material and pointed out that we were three cameras short.

His answer was that this material had been double checked at his plant before he forwarded it and that it had been placed in three cartons and steel strapped so that there could be no possibility of pilferage. Furthermore he listed the contents of each of the three cartons of material which he had forwarded to us which gave him his total.

Now in our own operation our receiving department neglected to list the contents and the weight of each carton when they were received. Had they done this they could have pointed out to the dealer that the carton which he stated contained items actually was short and the weight attested to the fact that it was short. In this way the entire matter could have been disposed of in one or two letters. However, the way it was handled, many letters were exchanged and it cost an ultimate loss to our company inasmuch as we had to issue credit for the material which we actually did not receive. This is just one way in which a receiving department can assist the main office of the traffic department.

Receivers should not only gather this material but they should also look carefully at the labels on material coming in to make sure that it belongs to them and that it has not been left by mistake by the carrier in lieu of another carton which should have been received.

The receiving department can be very helpful in checking the method of shipment of a supplier so that errors in rates and methods of shipment may be detected. Many concerns realize tremendous savings by so doing.

What it amounts to is this: first, the receiving department should be considered an integral part of any operating traffic department and should operate under closely supervised systems and procedures. The receiving department should be patrolled regularly to determine if their (Continued on Page 34)

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Painting Cartons Saves Money

Luminall Paints, a division of National Chemical and Manufacturing Co., has developed a special carton tan paint designed to give added life to old cartons.

Depending upon the size and construction of the cartons, some com-



panies are saving as much as \$25 to \$300 per thousand, according to the manufacturer. The firm's new paint dries to a permanent finish in 20 minutes and has no painty odor and is nonflammable.

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Carton Stitcher Booklet

The Markwell Manufacturing Co., Inc. has printed a 12-page illustrated booklet explaining its new carton stitcher. The booklet shows the reader how he can save time and money and increase safety and morale.

Aided by numerous illustrations, the firm's booklet shows in at least a dozen ways how costs can be reduced. Besides announcing Markwell's new stapling machine and its varied uses, the booklet also describes a new dry pen which writes on wood, cardboard, glass, plastics, ceramics, cellophane and other surfaces.

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Better Storage Methods Brochure

"How to Double Your Warehouse Capacity" is the title of a new 16-page brochure just released by The Frick-Gallagher Mfg. Co.

Purpose of the booklet is to show that, while there can be no single fixed formula for greater warehouse economy, sizeable savings of space and time are nearly always possible through better use of existing facilities and, where advisable, through the use of special storage equipment.

Exploring the science of proper space utilization, the booklet points out the advantage of utilizing ceiling height as well as floor space. The correct use of special-purpose storage equipment, such as long-span shelving, and Rotabin, is described at length.

Automatic Scales Explained

Detecto Scales Inc., announces in a four-page leaflet that it is keeping up with the latest trend: Automation. A new heavy-duty scale features push button operation. It weighs, counts and prints in one operation.

Carefully explained are how Detecto offers such exclusive features as, increasing speed of production, accurately counting for receiving, shipping production and inventory.

Check #44 on card, facing Page 6.

Postage Meter Booklet

Pitney-Bowes Inc. has recently published a booklet showing how the entire office staff is aided by a PB postage meter. The catalog is entitled "What Kind of Boss Are You?" and it goes on to show that the admired boss is the one who has up to date office equipment.

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Gummed Tape Dispenser

The new heavy duty Seal-O-Matic Senior 3" automatic gummed tape dispenser has brought into the low priced dispenser field the advantages and features found in high priced automatics, according to the manufacturer.

The Senior will automatically dispose, moisten, measure and cut gum-

med tape in lengths adjustable from 2½" to 36" in one stroke. The easy-to-set feed stop and visual measuring scale on the front of the machine reduces to a matter of seconds the time required to set the automatic dispenser to the exact length of tape required, say the manufacturers. This Senior model is completely enclosed except for small viewing windows in the rear sidewalks. It is a compact unit which takes up little bench space and can be moved readily from spot to spot.

Operation is further simplified by a self-adjusting moistening device, with two heavy duty 100% pure bristle brushes and a large reservoir with visual water level. All parts in contact with water are described as fully rustproof, made either of aluminum or brass. Made by Lipton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

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Film Shows RR Time Savers

How the Great Northern Railway reduces time and expense in handling cargo is shown in a new film, "On Time," available now from the Hyster Company. Speed and efficiency features of "Cargotainers" and Hyster



QN-20's for loading and unloading mail in short station stops are described.

Said to be applicable for handling all types of head-end cargo, the "Cargotainer" is collapsible for ease of storing and is handled on skids with the standard pallet forks of the Hyster lift truck. Rated capacity of the

maneuverable lift truck shown is 2,000 lbs. at 24" load center. The film is of five minutes' duration, includes sound and is 16 mm.

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Automatic Tape Dispenser

The new heavy duty Seal-O-Matic Senior 3" automatic gummed tape dispenser brings into the low priced dispenser field all of the advantages and features previously found only in the high priced automatics, announces the Lipton Manufacturing



The Senior will automatically dispense, moisten, measure and cut gummed tape in lengths adjustable from 21/2" to 36" in one stroke. The easy-to-set feed stop and visual measuring scale on the front of the machine reduces to a matter of seconds the time required to set the automatic dispenser to the exact length of tape required

Operation is further simplified by a self-adjusting moistening device, with two heavy duty 100% pure bristle brushes and a large reservoir with visual level. All parts in contact with water are described as fully rustproof, made either of aluminum or brass.

Check #41 on card, facing Page 6.

Power Coil Dispenser

Engineered by Allegheny Steel Band Company is a new electricallyoperated steel strapping dispenser for rapid banding of shipments. It is equipped with a magnetic brake for instantaneous stopping and to prevent overruns.

Available with or without shear, depending upon whether you need cut lengths or continuous strapping, this push-button dispenser is designed in three models to handle full coils of 34", 114" and 2" steel banding and will dispense at the rate of 250 ft. per minute.

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Steel Shipping Container

Republic Steel Corporation announces the publication of a four-page, two-color, 81/2 x 11 folder describing its Pressed Steel Division's newest product, the Collaps-a-tainer. The



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product, which was first announced to the trade in April of this year, is a lightweight, collapsible, returnable, steel shipping container. Catalog illustrations include the container in various positions including assembled, semi-collapsed, and stacked. Details of the bottom construction are also shown.

Check #60 on card facing Page 6.

Retaining Papers Brochure

Thilmany Pulp & Paper Company has published a brochure for retaining papers which includes an easy-to-follow instructional diagram on utilized loading procedures. The retaining paper method as recommended for unitized car loading is suggested by the Freight Loading and Container Section, Association of American Railroads. In effect, by utilizing this method, the end sections remain intact and literally form a floating bulkhead which protects the load from shifting and damage.

Check #65 on Page 6.

Adjustable Container Packing

The new four page folder of Signode Steel Strapping Company, Chicago gives complete, illustrated description of new method of packing articles or packages of different shapes and sizes. New method uses adjustable fibre board sections telescoped together to form an outer container.

Folder shows, step-by-step, how various sizes of modular units can form a compact, quickly assembled container for a variety of packages. Pack is compactly unitized with steel strapping for safe, secure interstate or export shipping. Shows size chart and simple equipment recommended for complete packing operation. It is trade named Adjusta-Pak.

Check #58 on Page 6.

Plastic Truck Body

The completion of a revolutionary all-plastic truck body for the Carna-

tion Milk Company of Los Angeles, California is announced by Strick Company, nationally known Philadelphia manufacturer.



Made from a new kind of reinforced fiberglass called "Lamicor", the truck body is the first to be made of only two halves. Conventional metal truck bodies consist of many sections and require many hours of assembly work.

Mounted on a Ford chassis, the vehicle utilizes Lamicor in the floor, roof, and sides as well as interior lining. Since the color can be impregnated into the material, painting is unnecessary.

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Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing you in reference to two recent articles by Mr. D. R. Dominie in regard to his column entitled "Listen, Mr. T. M..." and concerning pickups by miscellaneous trucks.

Over the past several years, our company has been concerned over delays in loading trucks at our platform due to the fact that we had no control over arrival time of trucks and they usually all came in for pickups between 11 and 3:30 p.m.

To provide us with service that would expedite orders to our customers we set up a schedule for all of the trucklines to make regular pickups on a three day a week basis and the days on which one particular truck was not making a pickup, an alternate carrier serving common points would be picking up on that day.

This system has almost completely climinated loss of time by pickups drivers at our loading docks and at the same time, provided us with daily service to all points to which we ship via truck.

On truckload movements, we have set up arrangements with various companies whenever we have such movements to have trucks spotted during the night when possible for immediate loading in the morning. We then contact the trucking company approximately one-half hour before we finish loading the truck to have a tractor available to gull the truck from our dock.

Possibly we have a situation that is different from some companies in major metropolitan areas, but, we have found the above system very helpful as we are located approximately eighteen miles from our major truck terminals in Akron, Ohio.

I appreciate your fine articles that are contained in the regular issues of Shipping Management and look forward to receiving my copy each month.

E. C. STIBBE TRAFFIC MANAGER THE PYRAMID RUBBER CO. RAYENNA, OHIO

If any of our readers have ideas on how shipping orders can be expedited we will be very happy to print their comments in this space from time to time.

—THE FOLTORS

Dear Editor:

In the January 1955 edition of Shipping Management, you published a very interesting article captioned "Water Proof Paper has Come into its Own."

The drawings used in this article illustrate the method of applying the protective paper in a very clear manner, especially the drawing on Page 15 showing the method of tring-in the load in the doorway.

Am interested to find out if there is a source through which we might obtain 12 or 15 copies of these drawings which perhops might be in pamphlet form.

Your cooperation in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly, F. J. Rebhan Traffic Manager American Crystal Sugar Co. Denver, Colorado

Editor's Note: Copies of the article on Waterproof Paper were sent to Mr. Rebhan. Other copies are available through Rider & Keister, 141 E. 44th St., N. Y., N. Y.



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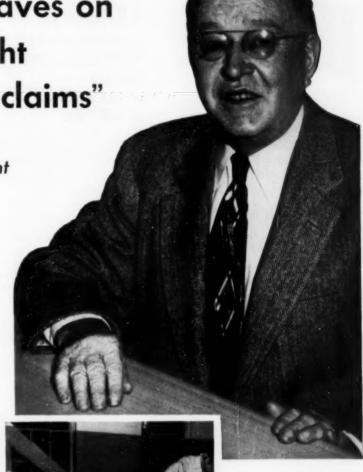
"— and we have a better container, since we began using Atlas Plywood's Ply-Fold crates for shipping Art Metal desks," Mr. Johnson reports.

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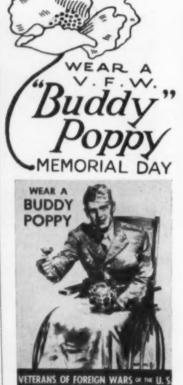
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Packing a Punch

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by their suppliers and are progressing the program of making factual reports, with photographs, of the condition of the load at destination. They are giving these reports to those at fault, with suggestions for improvement.

An Earlier Rule 41 Change

A note from the Gummed Industries Association calls attention to the fact that the Mullen test requirements for gummed sealing tape have been eilminated from Section 7 of Rule 41. Uniform Freight Classification and Consolidated Freight Classification, which governs the sealing of cartona being shipped by the railroads.

The amended rule which was issued on August 5, 1954 as a supplement to Uniform Freight Classification No. 2 and Consolidated Freight Classification No. 20 became effective September 20, 1954 and calls for both tear resistance and tensile test requirements rather than the former method which was based solely upon the Mullen test.

Requirements Now Equal federal

By so changing Rule 41, the Classi fication Committees have now brought their requirements into balance with those of the Federal Government, which sometime ago adopted these tests by approving Federal Specification UU-T-111b covering gummed sealing tape.

This amendment of Rule 41 by the railroads follows the general trend in the paper industry away from the Mullen test and towards more realtistic indicators of paper performance.

"Listen Mr."

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systems and procedures are operating as they should. If this is done there should be no need for an intensive investigation whenever an alleged shortage is claimed. An accurate receiving slip can very easily replace a multitude of letters and confusing correspondence which in the long run results in a saving to both the shipper and the consignee.

1955 AMA Show

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of the huge American Management Association show. The Exposition which accompanies the Packaging Conference will extend into April 21st.

This year for the first time in years the Packaging Exposition will be in one place and the Conference in another. AMA states that some 30,000 persons are expected to attend the exposition at the International Amphitheatre in Chicago. Simultaneously about 1,500 specialists in packaging, shipping, traffic management, and materials handling will discuss packaging problems and techniques at the Palmer House. Palmer House and International Amphitheatre are a short subway ride apart.

Everything from equipment needed to test packages to how to pack and handle bulky materials will be covered at the Conference.

Here are the titles of specific interest in this field:

Titles of Pertinent Talks

How to Cut Costs In Warehousing and Materials Handling

(Monday)

Efficiency in Packaging the Multiproduct Line (Monday)

What Equipment Do You Need To Test Your Package?

(Monday)

Cost Reduction Methods In Industrial Packag-

How To Pack and Handle Bulky Materials (Tuesday)

Making The Most of Packaging Machinery (Tuesday)

Packaging To Cushion, Preserve, and Protect (Wednesday)

Foam Plastics That Revolutionize Interior Packaging

(Wednesday)

Know Your Materials

(Wednesday)

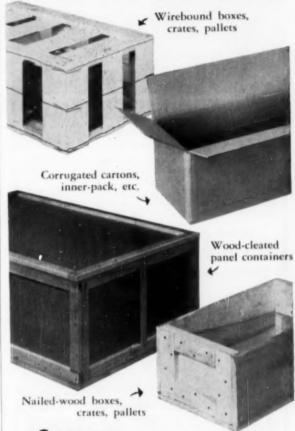
AMA states the Conference will be the largest and most comprehensive ever staged in the packaging field by the 20,000 member association.

More than three acres of ground will be required to show off the booths of about 400 exhibitors. Equipment, materials and service will be shown, for the packaging, packing and shipping of industrial and consumer goods.

As compared to previous years, the 1954 exposition is expected to put greater emphasis on the packaging of industrial goods. Space reservations show a somewhat higher ratio of indus-

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trial to consumer package exhibitors than in the past.

Show Hours

The show will be on display for 32 hours, as compared to 26 last year. It will open at 10 a.m. daily and will close at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 18; 9 p.m. Tuesday; 6 p.m. on Wednesday; and 3 p.m. on Thursday, the final day. The exposition is open without admittance charge to anyone with a business affiliation. Richard Wellbrock, vice president, New Jersey Machine Corporation, Hoboken, N. J., heads the Exhibitors' Advisory Committee for the 1955 show.

Packaging Conference Program

The conference will open at 10 a.m. Monday, April 18, with a morning-long discussion of cost cutting in warehousing and materials handling. Representatives of Lever Brothers Company, Liggett Drug Company, and Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., will tell how they have improved their scheduling to coordinate production, packaging, warehousing, and materials handling.

Four sessions Monday afternoon will deal with packaging to increase hardware sales, standardization through central control, efficiency in packaging the multi-product line, and package testing. Keystone Brass & Rubber Manufacturing Company, manufacturer and jobber handling some 5,000 items, will report on the use of vacuum-formed plastic containers and other new developments in its packaging program.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., will present a case study in standardizing the packaging of a large variety of products. AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors Corporation will report its progress in increasing the efficiency of multi-product packaging scheduling. Laboratory equipment needed for package testing will be covered from the viewpoint of the industrial-goods manufacturer by General Electric Company and from the consumer-goods standpoint by General Foods Corporation.

Tuesday Topics

Tuesday morning Wagner Electric Corporation, Whirlpool Corporation, and United States Radiator Corporation will tell how they are using accounting techniques, automation, and concurrent design of product and package to reduce waste.

Tuesday afternoon topics include handling bulky materials, making the most of packaging machinery, and prepackaging meats and fresh foods. The packing and handling of bulky materials will be discussed by The Dow Chemical Company, which is using a new corrugated container for shipping plastic pellets in 1,000-pound lots, and the Ternstedt Division of General Motors Corporation, which has devised, for shipping of parts to auto assembly plants, such improvements as a flexible pallet pack, a floating innerpack, a "no-block" pallet, and a color-coded tape.

Packaging Machinery

Three large users of packaging machinery will take up such aspects of efficient equipment utilization as instrumentation, integrated change-over units, and corrective and preventive maintenance. The program for the final day will cover cushioning, preservation, and protection aspects of packaging and the whole field of package materials. In the morning speakers from eight companies will take up automatic plastic coating of parts, weight reduction without sacrifice of safety, and foam plastics for interior packaging.

The Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation will describe use of a heat-fusing vinyl coating for stainless steel and chrome moldings; National Cash Register Company will report on a new light-weight box for packing of accounting machines; and speakers from Bakelite Company, The Dow Chemical Company, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company, Koppers Company, Inc., Nopco Chemical Company, and Strux Corporation will survey the abilities and uses of phenolic, vinyl, polystyrene, and other plastics for internal cushioning of packages.

Packaging Materials

In a full-afternoon session titled "Know Your Materials" a panel of experts will evaluate the functional properties of available packaging materials and the possibilities of new ones. They will supply information on films, foils, paper, paperboard, and their combinations.

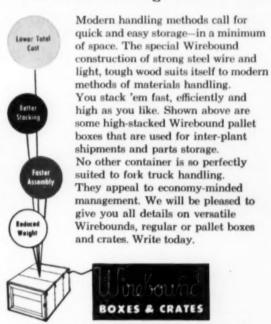
Although there will be no luncheon speeches, informal luncheons will be held daily in the Palmer House for conference registrants.

The program was planned by A. M. A. Packaging Division Manager A. K. Thorn and John Warren, technical advisor, as the initial step in a greatly expanded educational program by the association for packaging management. Chairman of the advisory A. M. A. Packaging Planning Council is W. L. Romney, technical director of packaging, The Procter & Gamble Company, and A. M. A. vice president in charge of the packaging division.

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Dudley reports that Tape-Strap reinforcement has cut labor and material costs, provided dependable protection, and eliminated disposal problems for consignees.

Dudley Lock Corporation is one of the many companies now saving on packaging costs with Tape-Strap. Find out how Tape-Strap can cut costs for your company, too. Write for free sample roll and complete data.

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Tuning In

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ing the Pyramids and still prevailing today, are contrasted with modern mechanized movement—automation and mechanical handling in industry, mining, warehousing and on the farm. The picture shows how the development of civilization has depended on controlled movement.

Wooden Pallet Mfgs. Assoc. Sets Up Grading and Inspection Rules Project

The National Wooden Pallet Manufacturers Association has approved a project to publish a set of Grading and Inspection Rules, which will furnish a valuable guide for pallet purchasers. This action was taken at the NWPMA 8th Annual Meeting held recently at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Grading and Inspection Rules will be used in conjunction with the NWPMA Grade Mark and Minimum Standard Specifications for warehouse pallets. "When pallets contain the NWPMA Grade Mark," says NWPMA Secretary William H. Sardo, Jr., "buyers and users are guaranteed that their quality equals or exceeds the Association's Minimum Standards." The Inspection Rules will provide a medium whereby industry can readily ascertain if they have obtained full value for their pallet dollars. NWPMA hopes to have them ready for distribution by mid-1955.

The Association also approved the issuance of a pamphlet on expendable or shipping pallets, which will contain a set of recommended standards, and a booklet of factual information on the proper care and maintenance of wooden pallets.

AMA Holds Warehousing & MH Conference In Chicago

How to coordinate traffic and warehousing with purchasing, production, and materials handling was one of the principal topics for discussion at the spring manufacturing conference of the American Management Association at Chicago, the end of March.

The entire afternoon of March 28 was devoted to a round table discussion of ways to improve warehousing and distribution, with E. Albert Ovens, vice president and dean, The Academy of Advanced Traffic, Inc., New York, as moderator. The panel members explored such problems as warehouse location, storage space, loading and receiving areas, purchasing commitments to vendors, accumulation and routing of work in process, finished-goods storage, and materials handling.

Clinton H. Vescelius, general traffic manager,

Otis Elevator Company, New York, analyzed how the warehousing and traffic function should be organized. Stanley Burnham, director of purchases. Lehn & Fink Products Corporation, New York, will speak on its coordination with purchasing: Mattthew A. Houston, director, production planning, Chase Brass & Copper Company, Inc., Waterbury, Conn., with production; and George A. Smith, manager, materials handling and packaging department, International Business Machines Corporation, Endicott, N. Y., with materials handling.

Public Warehouses Praised At Philadelphia SIPMHE Meeting

Al Lownsburg, of the Railway Warehouses, Inc., of Cleveland, pointed out why public warehouses can be used by manufacturers in the place of branch plants, at a meeting of Philadelphia SIPMHE. Public warehouses are efficient and economical; he said reasons for their efficiency are as follows:

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material handling. By using public warehouses, manufacturers can make immediate deliveries.

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They have all facilities for storage and handling which many branch houses could not afford.

At the end of the session, a question and answer period was held.

Colgate-Palmolive Exec. Discusses **Automation Aspects of Warehousing**

J. Donald Pill, Chief Industrial Engineer of the Colgate-Palmolive Company of Jersey City, N. J., discussed various aspects of modern warehousing at a meeting of the Material Handling Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Metropolitan Section, in New York City, last

Mr. Pill went into detail to describe the economic justification for a new warehouse and its allied equipment. He described the flow of goods both in and out of storage as well as the warehouse storage pattern and the effect of warehouse operation on sales, production and inventory control.

Last fall, Colgate-Palmolive Company opened one of the world's most modern soap warehouses at its Jersey City, N. J., plant. The multi-million dollar building features some of the most advanced principles of the automation age and has storage capacity for 775,000 cases or 30,000,000 pounds of soap.



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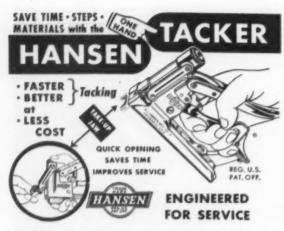
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2nd Annual MH Conferences Set For New York, June 19-July 2

Companies suffering from materials handling headaches—and consequently high cost problems—and who want to organize a vigorous attack on handling costs—are invited to send a representative to the Second Annual Material Handling Training Conference to be held June 19-July 2 at Lake Placid, New York.

Emphasis will be on solving actual problems which industrial companies meet in their day-to-day operations.

"American industry undoubtedly loses hundreds of millions of dollars a year because of inefficient material handling methods," James R. Bright, director of the conference, declared. "The aim of the conference is to provide a practical, how-to-do-it training program for company executives on a middle management or staff level. Eighteen of the Nation's outstanding material handling men from the teaching staff—each is an expert in a particular type of handling. This conference provides a practical and efficient way to train a material handling engineer, or to bring a firm up-to-date on handling equipment and methods."

The two-week, 90-hour study course will encompass all phases of material handling and storage, including unit loads, bulk materials and

10 Ton Globe Provides Big MH Problem

parts-in-process. More than 200 kinds of material handling equipment—industrial trucks, conveyors, and overhead handling systems—will come in for critical analysis. The latest developments in each class of equipment will be examined.

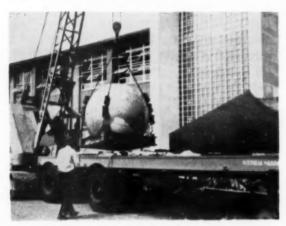
Enrollment in the conference is now open, Director Bright said, and is limited to two classes of 25 persons each.

Fabricating, transporting and then setting more than 20 tons of granite in three cumbersome shapes—a six foot diameter world globe and two-piece, triangular base — was an interesting sidelight in the construction of a new \$1,800,000 high school in Clayton, Missouri.

Assembled, the globe and its pedestal form a decorative element that accents the school's main entrance. Its design was conceived by St. Louis architect Wm. B. Ittner who wanted a device, related to education and learning, that would complement the modern simplicity of the masonry and glass block entrance. Granite was chosen by Ittner because of its large color selection and inherent toughness that would remain completely

impervious to generations of knife-wielding initial cutters and centuries of weather.

Meeting the architects' specifications for the globe and base offered no real difficulty to the fabricator, the Cold Spring Granite Co. of Minnesota, who, for the most part, were able to use standard tools and techniques for cutting and polishing. Lifting and moving the three heavy, odd-shaped pieces did, however, offer a problem during fitting set-ups at the plant.



Huge marble globe offered very special problem in material handling, loading and transporting to site. Weighing ten tens it required very special precautions. But all problems were successfully solved.

Transportation was finally accomplished with a minimum of handling and without incident. The three piece unit was loaded on a flat-bed truck which moved it directly from the fabricating plant to the site. Special reinforcing precautions had to be taken, however, to prevent the perfectly round, ten ton globe from breaking away during the trip and to prevent any movement that might damage its polished surface,

As had been anticipated, the setting was a slow and ticklish operation. The first piece set was the front, main section of the base. This was the smallest of the three pieces and the easiest to handle since it was possible to use a Lewis pin—a steel rod fitted in the ultimately concealed top surface of the stone during lifting.

With this part of the base in place, the globe was then lifted into position, accomplished by means of a special steel frame supplied by the granite company. It also aided the setters in licking the added problem of tilting the globe $22\frac{1}{2}$ degrees toward the sun axis which had been specified by the architect to stimulate the earth's actual position.

The final piece set was the troublesome rear section of the base. This offered the greatest difficulty since it could only be moved by means of a cable rig which would somehow have to be removed before the stone came to rest in its final



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position. Following the suggestion of the Cold Spring people, the piece was inched as close as possible to its proper position and then ice was inserted between it and the sphere. As the ice melted, the cables were hurriedly unspliced and removed and all stood clear to watch. Slowly the huge, angular unit eased into place against the globe and front base section. Finally the ice was completely gone and a close inspection was made. To everyone's relief the fit was perfect and there was no damage to any of the pieces.

Lobsters Fly To Dinner Table In Light Weight Container

No longer do New Englanders have the exclusive privilege of enjoying a fresh lobster dinner, for these savory crustaceans have taken to the air with an increasing mileage record which makes them available in every section of the countryeven as far away as Hawaii.



Live labsters are now a regular part of the carge of girlines planes. Here one huge crustacean is examined before being placed in container of light-weight moisture and leak-proof construction.

It was only a few years ago that some of the industry's first lobster flying experiments were conducted. Test shipments and extensive research made known every factor concerning such movements. It was found, for example, that lobsters must ge shipped in special containers and kept moist in temperatures ranging from 32 to 40 degrees. Unlike many perishables, they could not be packed in dry ice since they are adversely affected by carbon dioxide and unable to withstand hot or cold conditions.

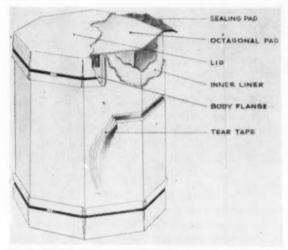
Ventilated containers of light-weight, moisture and leak-proof construction posed one of the greatest problems. Cracked ice could not be used since it entailed too much weight to be economically sound. Now, after four years of constant investigation by airlines, working in cooperation with packaging manufacturers, a new product has been developed which promises to be of prime importance both to the lobster and shipping industries.

The container is completely ventilated, insulated and protected, yet is leak-proof in any position. It is a strong, inexpensive light-weight box which can hold up to 50 pounds. Numerous tests, many up to 40 hours duration, have been made and in each case the results have been satisfactory, according to United.

Many of thee lobsters flown out of Boston are trapped off the coast of Nova Scotia and taken by boat to Miami where they remain en route in ocean water for 24 hours. They then are expedited to Boston, packed in their special containers and placed aboard United Mainliners. Just a few hours later they are ready, live and healthy for the cooking pot in such places as Denver, Los Angeles, Portland and Honolulu.

Single Corrugated Container Holds Half Ton Shipment

Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Michigan is now making 1000-pound bulk shipments of its "Styron" plastic pellets in corrugated fibre containers. These containers are developing important economics in initial "package" costs, storage and materials handling.



Plastic pellets in 10,00 pound bulk shipments are now being sent by Dow Chemical Company with corrugated fibre containers. Cut-away cross-section shows graphically construction of container made to carry very great weight.

Previously, Dow packed these pellets, which are converted by the firm's customers into many types of plastic products, in containers of 200-pound capacity. The problem of switching to a corrugated container involved protection against the sifting of the fine-grained pellets as well as structural characteristics adequate to handle the bulk load in rail shipment.

The type of Dow box now standardized measures 41½ by 32¾ by 33 inches and consists of four parts: a. The inner body; b. The bottom lid into which the inner body slips; c. The outer body which telescopes over the bottom lid and the iner body; d. The top lid which fits over the outer body.

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Test shipments were first made on a box with top and bottom lids utilizing tape to seal the bottom lid to the body. Later the bottom lid was enclosed and the downward and outward pressure of the plastic pellets prevented sifting.

Storage economics develop in two ways. Space is saved because the lids and bodies arriving "knocked down flat" take up much less space. After the rectangular corrugated containers are filled, one-third more can be stored on the same floor area than was possible with the previously used container. The change in size and shape of the package has reduced substantially the number of boxes required to pack a given amount of material.

Customized Packing

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both in the plant, and with expert consultants on the outside. Typical is the fibre container with accordion type inserts developed by Jack Rookstool, Supervisor of the Shipping Department. The container is used for transporting a Flow Transmitter whose average weight is 90 pounds, and is shown in a sketch accompanying this article. The container is ideally suited in terms of the relationship of bulk to strength, for the carrying of its precious cargo safely but with the minimum of packing.

Photographs Explain

Photographs accompanying this article show the packing of a chlorinator in a pre-stitched fibre box, with gummed sealing tape used as the closure. Again, lightness of the product in proportion to the size of the box, makes possible relatively light strength containers and closures. For comparison purposes a flow transmitter is shown packed heavily in shredded paper inside a wooden container. Such a container is used for export, hence the added packing precautions. Note too, the small package marked glass which is about to be placed in a large fibre container filled with shredded paper. No doubt the extra protection is for a shipment which will find its way overseas.

One of the great reasons for the success of the Fischer & Porter packing operations is the care with which they select and train employees who are to work in the shipping department. Upon starting work in the department every employee is given an Employee's Indoctrination Handbook

which he is expected to study and in part memorize in order to more quickly adapt himself to his job.

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Ship World-Wide

Fischer & Porter ships its delicate, fragile or strong and hulking products all over the world, although a majority of orders come from the United States. For domestic shipping they employ a double wall full overlap 275 pound to 350 pound test corrugated fibreboard box. Wooden containers are the most generally used export box, with steel strapping on the outside.

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The company employs both hand and powered materials handling equipment, as indicated by the hand truck shown in one of the photos accompanying this article, and the powered crane hoist handling the bulky item shown in another group of pictures. Where necessary overhead crane hoists and lift trucks are used in the interior of the sprawling one-story plant.

Before putting finis to this story of a most versatile type of packing and shipping operation a few credits go to those to whom it is due. These include Vince Johnson and Don Rhodes who help Jack Rookstool and others in the design of packages, and Warren H. Lauder, Supervisor of the company's technical publicity who made possible much of the foregoing story and arranged to have the photographs taken.



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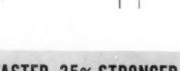


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